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The Honorable Tim Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-4104

Dear Senator Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, 2013, pertaining to the timing of the public hearings and comment period for the EPA's proposed action regarding Wyoming's State Implementation Plan to address regional haze. I understand your concern, and my office has been working with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to accommodate a similar request from the Governor of Wyoming, the Wyoming congressional delegation, and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for additional public hearings within our consent-decree schedule constraints.

The EPA now plans to hold two more public hearings, on July 17 and July 26, 2013, in Cheyenne and Casper, Wyoming, respectively. We will also extend the public comment period to August 26, 2013. Due to our already providing notice to the public and the lack of time to communicate the hearing date changes, we proceeded to hold the public hearing that was scheduled for June 24 in Cheyenne.

We appreciate your interest in Wyoming's regional haze plan. If you or your staff would like further information on EPA's public comment process, please contact me, or your staff may wish to contact Sandy Fells, our Regional Congressional Liaison, at 303-312-6604 or fells.sandy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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